

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 307 – HB 894

March 29, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) to receive approval from the State Family Support Council (council) prior to issuing or amending any guidelines, policies, or procedures regarding: the development of appropriations requested for family support; program specifications; the coordination of the family support program with other publicly funded programs; the resolution of grievances; quality assurance; and the annual evaluation of services. Authorizes the council to solicit and evaluate service proposals, review program data, and conduct agency reviews. Requires the quarterly report provided to DIDD by the council to include information on persons with a developmental or intellectual disability who need or receive services, not solely persons with a developmental disability for whom home-and community-based services are needed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004251): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Removes the current participation of the State Family Support Council with the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) regarding the adoption of policies and procedures in the development of appropriations requested for family support. Grants the Commissioner of DIDD leeway when exigent circumstances exist to adopt certain policies and procedures without seeking input from the council. Requires the quarterly report provided to DIDD by the council to include information on persons with a developmental disability, other than an intellectual disability who need services, not solely comprehensive home-and community-based services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- All family support program funding is subject to appropriation; therefore, removing the council's input in the development of requested appropriations will not significantly affect the amount of appropriations approved annually by the General Assembly for DIDD.

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- Granting the Commissioner leeway in exigent circumstances from seeking input from the council will not significantly affect the state family support program and the services provided by DIDD.
- Based on information provided by DIDD, the Governor's FY15-16 proposed budget for DIDD includes \$7,383,600 in family support funding.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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